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This newsletter is an internal biweekly publication to help keep everyone informed about activities related to English teachers and English teaching at WKU.

DATES

December 2 (Wed.) Sigma Tau Delta Banquet, Briarpatch, \$10.00 per person, sign up & pay with Ann Cravens, Bob Wurster will speak.

February 18-20 Sigma Tau Delta National Convention, East Texas State

ACTIVITIES

ANNA JO JOHNSON, Vice-president, presided over the November 12 meeting of The Southern Kentucky Council of Teachers of English. The group dined at the Briarpatch and then attended a performance of the Fountain Square Players' "You Can't Take It With You," directed by HOYT BOWEN and acted in by JIM HELDMAN.

Bill McMahon will speak on writing to composition classes at Allen County-Scottsville High School on December 1.

JOE SURVANT ran in the second annual Daily News-Wendy's 10K Classic Road Race on November 14. Joe ran last year, also, in this demanding demonstration of dedication, desire, and discipline. To keep from being deluged daily by autograph seekers, Joe ran this year under an assumed name--Nick Rose.

PAT TAYLOR played the role of Amanda in The Glass Menagerie at Kentucky Wesleyan on November 18-21.

WESTERN WRITERS, a student literary organization, is being revived by WANDA GATLIN. . . . Wanda's creative writing students are writing radio dramas which will be broadcast beginning in the second semester over WKYU-AM.

BOB WURSTER has joined a committee in the University Public Service and Continuing Education Department which will consider the developing of an Elder Hostel on our campus during the summer months. Such a hostel would provide a place and opportunity for senior citizens to come to Western for a week or two, stay on campus and be involved in special study and recreational programs set up especially for them.

The following members of the English Department attended the SAMLA meeting in Louisville on November 5-7: Margaret Bruner (on program), Nancy Davis, Ann Fields, Jim Flynn, Will Fridy, Joe Glaser, Ward Hellstrom, Anna Jo Johnson, Lee Little, Carol Lockhart, Gretchen Niva, Libby Oakes, Frances Perdue, and Janet Schwarzkopf. Margaret's highly-acclaimed paper was entitled "Subtleties of the Biblical Influence on Melville's Confidence-Man."

ENGLISH LIVES

According to a printout dated October 16, 1981, the English Department now has 100 majors, 65 minors, 9 area of concentration students, and 3 writing minors.

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BEST TERM PAPERS

Two of MARGARET BRUNER's students won the last Potter College competition for the best sophomore and the best junior term paper. Sophomore Lanna Martin's paper, "Melville's Creation of Captain Vere as Pontius Pilate in Billy Budd," and junior Barbara Boles' paper, "Emerson's 'Uriel' and the Divinity School Address," will be printed in the forthcoming Student Honors Bulletin. These papers were written for Margaret's 391 class last spring.

GORDON WILSON AWARD

The Gordon Wilson Award was established in 1960 to honor the outstanding senior English major. A certificate and a cash award are presented to the recipient each year at the spring awards convocation.

Recipients

1960	Mary Ruth Grise Forrester	1970	Ruth Ann Streable
1961	Frances Leo Daugherty	1971	Mary Kirk Deshazer
1962	Jenny Rosseter Meusen	1972	Vera Boulton Pitney
1963	Martha Basham	1973	Linda Gail Storm
1964	Barbara Reynolds	1974	no award
1965	Patsy Young	1975	David Anthony Mallory
1966	Betty Gray	1976	Jan Patterson
1967	Dennis Petrie	1977	Matt Hennecke
1968	Ann Hawkins	1978	Heidi Zimmerman
1969	Sandra Jane Mabe & Barbara Gail Owen	1979	Beth Evans
		1980	Wayne Lanham
		1981	Patti Kate Garmon

PUBLICITY PUBLICITY

The Herald on November 17 featured two stories on English Department activities.

Connie Martin's November 12 poetry reading and workshop were reviewed in one article. She recited poems, told a fairy tale a la Robert Bly, and worked with her audience on writing exercises.

The English Department's new minor in writing, in which students may choose either a creative or an expository writing emphasis, was discussed in an article that resulted from a contact by the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, chaired by Pauline Jones. This committee urges you to continue to publicize the benefits of majoring in English, minoring in English, concentrating in the area of English, or minoring in writing. Perhaps you could take a few minutes in your classes once or twice a semester, especially during pre-registration periods, to spread the good news of the joys of English. . . . Also, if you visit an area school, the brochure on "English" (with subheadings of "English Studies," "Curriculum," and "Career") is available in CH 135C. A brochure on the "Writing Minor" may be printed.

SIGMA TAU DELTA --NATIONAL AND LOCAL

National. Sigma Tau Delta (STD) is the National English Honor Society. Its purpose is to encourage the writing of and appreciation of literature. Its motto is "Sincerity, Truth, and Design." STD grew out of Dakota Wesleyan's English Club, which Judson Q. Owen (1888-1969) founded in 1924. STD affords exceptional students in the field of English an opportunity for furthering cultural stimulation, for formulating ethical principles, for developing skills in creative and critical writing, and for fostering a spirit of fellowship. (From the STD Handbook for Sponsors, 1981)

Sigma Tau Delta, continued

Local. The WKU chapter (Pi Iota) of STD was organized in 1964. Thirty charter members were initiated on April 30, 1964. Faculty sponsor was Mary Ellen Pitts. First president was Bob Adams. Other early presidents included Jim Dorris, Dennis Petrie, Pat Curry, and Beverly Belden. Later faculty sponsors have included George McCelvey, Bill McMahon, and Jim Flynn. Current president is Brenda Settle and current sponsor is Will Fridy. (From an old, incomplete scrapbook)

FOR SALE

Fireplace wood for sale. Select hardwoods, well cut and split, delivered for \$30 a rick. Call William Neal, 842-3030, or see Jean Moisan for information.

LAST OF THE GRAFFITI

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.
Who am us anyway?
Better latent than never.

REMINDER

next deadline for submitting material: Friday, December 11 (noon)
NOTE: This date is 3 weeks, instead of the usual 2, from the last deadline.
next publication(the newsletter will be published only one time in December): Monday, December 14(Christmas edition--if justice reigned, what do you think your department should give you--or anyone else in the department--for Christmas? Think about it and let me know--RM)

THANKSGIVING

A special thank you to Lana Flynn for the "Keep An Open Mind" item.

The invitation in the last newsletter to let me know "something or someone connected with our department that you are thankful for" elicited responses ranging from slim to none, with none dominating. So it goes. . . . I am still thankful for the patience of PAT NAVE and the charm of CHARMAINE MOSBY. . . . May each of you have a blessed, thankful Thanksgiving. (RM)

